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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1-19 (canceled).

20. (currently amended) Aluminium alloy exhibiting high strength and low quench sensitivity <del>comprising</del> consisting essentially of

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to 5.2 wt.% Zn
4.6
2.6
      to
          3.0 wt.% Mg
0.1
         0.2 wt.% Cu
      to
0.05
      to
          0.2 wt.% Zr
          0.05 wt.% Mn
max.
           0.05 wt.% Cr
max.
           0.15 wt.% Fe
max.
           0.15 wt.% Si
max.
           0.10 wt.% Ti
max.
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the remainder being impurities due to the manufacturing process, individually at maximum 0.05 wt.%, in total at maximum 0.15 wt.%, balance aluminum, wherein the alloy is characterized by a uniform homogenous distribution of fine, submicron  $Al_3Zr$  precipitates producing an isotropic grain structure.

21. (currently amended) Aluminium alloy according to claim 20, comprising consisting essentially of 4.6 to 4.8 wt.% Zn.

- 22. (currently amended) Aluminium alloy according to claim 21, comprising consisting essentially of 2.6 to 2.8 wt.% Mg.
- 23. (currently amended) Aluminium alloy according to claim 22, comprising consisting essentially of 0.10 to 0.15 wt.% Cu.
- 24. (currently amended) Aluminium alloy according to claim 23, comprising consisting essentially of 0.08 to 0.18 wt.% Zr.
- 25. (previously presented) Aluminium alloy according to claim 24, including a maximum concentration of 0.03 wt.% Mn.
- 26. (previously presented) Aluminium alloy according to claim 24, including a maximum concentration of 0.02 wt.% Cr.
- 27. (previously presented) Aluminium alloy according to claim 24, including a maximum concentration of 0.12 wt.% Fe.
- 28. (previously presented) Aluminium alloy according to claim 24, including a maximum concentration of 0.12 wt.% Si.
- 29. (previously presented) Aluminium alloy according to claim 24, including a maximum concentration of 0.05 wt.% Ti.
- 30-37. (cancelled).

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38. (currently amended) Aluminium alloy exhibiting high strength and low quench sensitivity comprising consisting essentially of

4.6 to 4.8 wt.% Zn 2.6 to 2.8 wt.% Mg 0.1 to 0.15 wt.% Cu 0.18 wt.% Zr 0.05 to 0.03 wt.% Mn max. 0.02 wt.% Cr max. 0.12 wt.% Fe max. 0.12 wt.% Si max. 0.05 wt.% Ti max.

the remainder being impurities due to the manufacturing process, individually at maximum 0.05 wt.%, in total at maximum 0.15 wt.%, balance aluminum, wherein the alloy is characterized by a uniform homogenous distribution of fine, submicron Al<sub>3</sub>Zr precipitates producing an isotropic grain structure.